Mountaineer

Women in Glass Houses... Spot Fires

AP Features

CONWAY, NH.-Living in a glass house atop 3330-foot Mid-dle Sister peak is Miss Elizabeth Sampson, one of the US Forest Service's first woman fire guards.

She lives alone in a wood framed, glass enclosed tower room, where she will stay for seven months, in a Chocorua mountain region lashed by high winds and lightning and with bears and wildcats abounding. She carries her own provisions on her back 3.2 miles up a trail from the

foot of the mountain. She cuts her own firewood.

Shortage of manpower caused the forest service to begin training women for this job of spotting fires, and Miss Sampson says it's more thrilling than any other woman's role in the war effort that she's heard about.

Her home was in the Massachusetts shipbuilding city of Quincy before she and four other women completed a course given by the forest service in an abandoned CCC camp near Bethlehem, NH. She learned how to locate fires with a sighting device, how to repair telephone lines, how to operate a two-way radio, how to combat blazes herself with portable pumps if necessary.

About three weeks ago, she waded through deep snow, escorted by a ranger, to take up her station. The tower is anchored with four big cables on the bare ledge of a mountain top'where wind velocity several times a year exceeds 100 miles an hour; where lightning plays so violently that even her bedsprings have a ground wire.

Miss Sampson says she is unafraid; that the air is "lovely," the above-the-clouds view spectacular; that the wild animals won't molest her if she doesn't bother them.

She keeps busy, beginning her day with an observation for tell-tale smoke in the complete circle which her fower centers, and reporting by telephone to the ranger office at Conway, 16 miles away.

The nearest store is also in Conway, about 13 miles from the base of Middle Sister peak. Food and other provisions are delivered to the foot of the mountain. From there she must carry them up after waiting for a day when rain has so drenched the woodlands that the operations center considers it safe for her to leave her post.

margarine and lard are reduced one point a pound, and that pro-cessed butter is listed for the first time at four points a pound,

Pointers on

The new point value lists of

rationed foods, announced Fri-day, are a combination of good and bad news for consumers.

Let's consider the red stamp foods first. It's good news that

against eight points for regular

fits into summertime meals so

well. Both group two and group

three show a reduction of one

point a pound. That means

we'll give only two points per

pound instead of three, for

cream, Neufchatel, and creamed

cottage cheese, All other ra-

tioned cheese, except cheddar,

are now five points instead of

six. Cheddar remains at eight

Canned fish is up four points,

and is listed at 12 points a

pound, except oysters, they're up

to five points, instead of three.

More fresh fish is available dur-

ing the summer, however, so

this should not be a real hard-

Most beef cuts are up one

Beef Up One Point

there's cheese, which

Points

utter

points.

Then

Normally, she finishes her

work by dark, and is in bed by nightfall. She isn't permitted to have curtains in the glass encased room, and she likes the moonlight shining through. Now that it's war-time, the only illumination permitted is an old fashioned kerosene lamp.

Cleanliness Still Unrationed

The war food administration reports that there is no intention of rationing soap. The supply situation does not seem to warrant any such measure. While it may not always be possible to purchase a particular brand of soap, it seems sure that we will be able to purchase some

kind of soap. In order to insure this, the government is releasing large

point. Only two were advanced two points. OPA states that the civilian supply picture for July quantities of fats and oils from leaves no alternative but to disreserves, and is planning to procourage beef consumption even further by these increases. They vide for most efficient use of these fats by a larger use of point out that the amount availdomestic materials. This action able for civilians during July is should bring about an increase estimated at about 8 or 9 per of 10 per cent in soap produccent under June which had a tion. Tell consumers to buy no supply running fully 10 per cent more soap than is actually needunder original estimates. They ed, and to continue salvaging every drop of fat from the

RATION CALENDAR

kitchen.

RATION CALENDAR FOOD Meat, cheese, canned fish and ed-ible fats-Red stamps P and Q valid through July 31. Sugar-Coupon No. 13 expires August 15, good for 5 pounds each canning sugar. Apply to ration board for additional ration if needed. Coffee-No. 21 in book 1 good for 1 pound through July 21. EHOES Stamp No. 18, book one, valid through October 31. GASOLINE Book A coupons No. 6 good for four galloms each, expire July S1. FUEL OIL Period 5 coupons Spire Septem-

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Try in a four-gallon can from a KoolAid

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state further that beef produc-tion has been subjected to se-vere dislocations. The total Important Now cattle on hand are now at a record high, but the number of live cattle coming into the mar-kets has declined sharply. Pork supplies during July are expected to be much larger than

beef. The consumption of pork is being encouraged through the continuation of relatively low point values on many cuts. Less Points for Canned or

Bottled Veretables Now for the blue stamp foods

-the processed foods. Seventeen changes are announced on the new list, also effective July 4. Twelve increases and five decreases will be noted. The reductions all are in the canned or bottled vegetables, namely: fresh shelled beans, green or wax beans, tomato pulp or puree, tomato sauces containing over 5 per cent dry tomato solids, and tomato sauce in combination packages with cheese. Seven vegetable items and five fruits are advanced, namely: apples, apricots, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, fresh lima beans, vacuum-packed whole kernel corn, and other canned corn, peas, tomatoes, tomato catsup or chili sauce and tomato paste. There's a change downward in the value of one container size in the vegetable and fruit juice classification. The, weight bracket "over seven ounces, including ten ounces" is reduced in value from two points to one. This applies to all items in the juice classification except pineapple juice. This container size has been lagging behind others in the movement consumers' pantries. Fresh Food Conservation

It is necessary during this period, when new packs are being canned, to conserve part of the new pack for future months when fewer fresh vegetables and fruits are available. Considering the victory garden pro-duction, and increased com-mercial supplies, these point value changes should not work a hardship on anybody.

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It's No Fish Tale We'll Have Tung As you have doubtless heard, there's to be more canned tuna for civilian consumers from now on. The war food administration has announced that the entire production of canned tuna and tuna-like fishes packed after June 27 will be available for

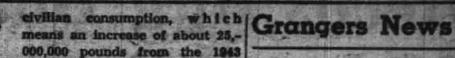
000,000 pounds from the 1943 pack for the folks at home, Un-MACLEAY - A patriotic proder food distribution order No. 44, 00 per cent of the canned tuna, Bonito and Yellowtail was gram with all members contributing was put on at the July grange meeting during the roll reserved. No change has been call. Mrs. J. F. C. Tekenburg and made in the government reser-vations of other leading varieties of canned fish, such as salmon, sardines, mackerel and shrimp. Mrs. Clarence Johnson also gave readings. Lunch was served by the Home Economics club.







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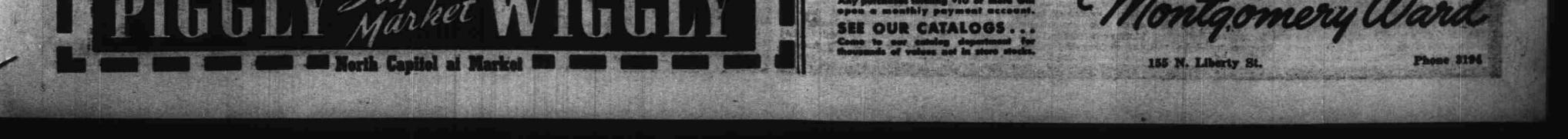
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